

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this

week's edition, take a look at Spangdahlem Air Base's "Hot Pit", refuelers in France, an NCO at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, handing out 10 years of parts in one day and more.

News briefs

No paper June 15

Because of a German holiday Thursday, the Eifel Times will not be published June 15. The next issue arrives June 22. Deadline for publication is Wednesday.

Changes of command

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron change of command is today at 3 p.m. at the Saber Club. Lt. Col. Steve Asher relinquishes command to Maj. Larry Laird.

The 22nd Fighter Squadron change of command is Monday at 3:22 p.m. in Hangar 1. Lt. Col. Jonathan Bitler relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Timothy Strawther.

The 23rd Fighter Squadron change of command is Tuesday at 3:23 p.m. in Hangar 1. Lt. Col. Richard Reynolds relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Steven S. Kempf.

The 52nd Support Group change of command is Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in building 763. Col. Gregg Sanders relinquishes command to Col. Ian P. O'Connell.

The 606th Air Control Squadron change of command is June 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Hangar 1. Lt. Col. Alfred L. Pitts relinquishes command to Lt. Col. James L. Dew Jr. A reception follows the ceremony at the Spang Club.

Office closure

Pass and registration closes today at noon for the 52nd Security Forces Squadron change of command ceremony. Pass and registration re-opens the Monday for normal duty hours. For more information, call 452-6695.

Top 3 meeting

The next Spangdahlem Air Base Top 3 council meeting is Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Bitburg theater.

Student hire positions available

Applications are still being accepted for the summer student hire program. Interested students should contact the civilian personnel office by today at 452-6884 or 452-6080.

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Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

June 8, 2001

Ready or not ...

Senior Airman Dale Winters, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, administers a typhoid injection to Airman 1st Class Eric Sellers, 52nd Supply Squadron, in the mobility processing line during the Local Salty Nation Phase I exercise at Spangdahlem Air Base this week.

Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

422 Team Eifel members to sew on another stripe

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants, 156 from Spangdahlem Air Base, for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants, 266 from here, for promotion to technical sergeant.

This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle. The Spangdahlem AB rates are 35.5 percent to master and 23.3 percent to technical sergeant.

The Air Force master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's already record showing of 27.64 percent.

The following NCOs from Spangdahlem AB were selected for promotion to **master sergeant**:

22nd Fighter Squadron

Mark A. Buchholz, Keith J. Cosby, Paul F. Lively, Christopher Melnik, Joseph P. Mulder, Michael A. Simpson, John J. Skrabal and Donald H. Wright

23rd Fighter Squadron

Gary L. Allen II, Joy L. Defosse, Donald L. Jenkins, Doreen L. Losacco, Leroy R. Moorrees, Daniel R. North, Timothy J. Ohearne, Oscar Rodriguez-Vilaseca, Jeffrey V. Sanders, Ricky Smith and Maurice Washington

470th Air Base Squadron

Bonnie A. Berry, Dale M. Conley, Chadwick J. Eiring, Gary G. Hazelwonder, Jozsef Kaczor, Rodney T. Russell, Elvin L. Sprinkle Jr., James Thorsbakken, Vivian S. Tyler and Warren T.

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Spangdahlem cracks down on drug use, DUI cases

Wing members should expect random testing to continue

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 140 military members assigned to and entering Spangdahlem Air Base from 1-5 a.m. Sunday were required to submit to random urinalysis testing.

Additionally, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, security forces members and narcotics-trained dogs searched all 77 vehicles that entered the base as part of increased

efforts by base officials to deter drug use and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Already during 2001, there have been 22 people administratively punished for DUI, up 15 from the same period last year, according to security forces reports. Three airmen have also been court-martialed since January for using drugs.

"It's simple; there is zero tolerance for drug use," said Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. Referring to the random checks, he stated, "People should expect to see and hear about more of these preventative methods in the future.

"Along the same lines, there's no excuse for drinking and driving. There are too many good programs in place - Airmen Against Drunk Driving, Ride for Life, first sergeants and designated drivers, and they should be used if required.

"Obviously, some people just aren't getting the message and we hope that will change."

One drug in particular is steadily gaining popularity. That drug is methylenedioxymethamphetamine, or simply MDMA

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Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Cassandra Watts
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

There were 14 minor and one major accident involving Americans in the Eifel region in the past week.

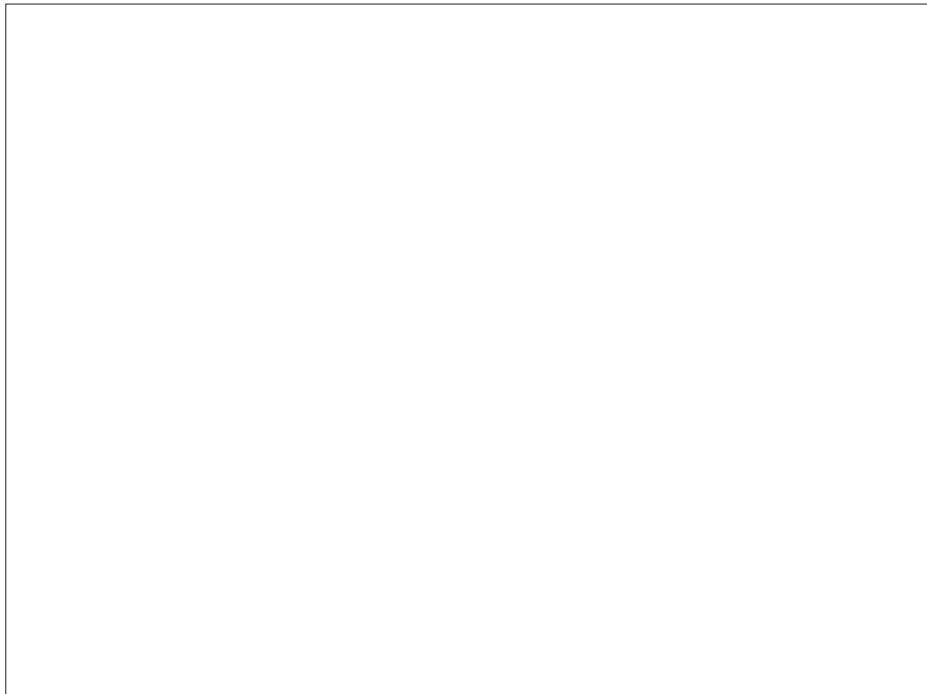
An unidentified driver cut off an American as she drove her Nissan Pathfinder from Badem to Bitburg. As the American approached a right-hand turn, she swerved to avoid a collision and lost control of her vehicle. It rolled over twice before it landed on its right side, approximately 50 feet from the pavement. The American driver was transported to the hospital for medical evaluation and treatment. Her vehicle was totalled.

Of the minor accidents:

- Three resulted from improper backing.
- Five occurred in parking lots.
- Five resulted from inattentive driving.
- Only one occurred on B-50.

Security forces have recorded 414 accidents so far this year. Of these, less than 18 percent (74 out of 414) were major accidents. The total of all accidents this year is more than last year, but the accident rate on B-50 has decreased.

However, the number of traffic tickets issued for speeding and passing is still rising. In the past week, security forces patrolmen issued 139 tickets — 46 in one day alone — with 17 because of excessive speed on B-50.



Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Get in there!

Senior Airman Mario A. Garcia, 23rd Fighter Squadron, tightens down a panel on an F-16.

Random

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- commonly known as ecstasy.

The current issue of "Airman" Magazine (available at www.af.mil/news/airman/0601/extasy.html) chronicles the lure to users and the problems it causes the Air Force and Defense Department.

Part of the reason for its rising popularity among the military ranks is the misconception that MDMA can't be detected through urinalysis or other conventional means, said Special Agent Todd Langenfeld, AFOSI Detachment 518 here.

"Not true," he said. For example, according to the magazine report by Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor, DOD conducted more than 2 million urine tests in 1999 and 432 of those turned up positive for ecstasy.

In the first six months of 2000, the Air Force Demand Reduction Office, which manages the service's urine testing program, confirmed more than 50 positive detections of MDMA, quadruple the number from the previous year.

Another fallacy held by some military members is the drug can't be sniffed out by narcotics-trained dogs; again, wishful thinking, according to Tech. Sgt. Michael Ellis, 52nd Security Forces Squadron kennel master.

"Let me put it this way, I wouldn't want to be the guy who tries to get on base with any drug," he said.

Langenfeld also stressed that any airman who is aware of people using or dealing drugs is expected to report it to his or her supervisor, first sergeant, commander, security forces or OSI.

"The wing's goals are zero DUIs from this point on and to reinforce the zero-tolerance policy on any drug usage. The wing will continue to use random drug testing in order to create a safer environment for the entire Eifel community," Ihde said.

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No trespassing

Trespassing in and around the combat arms firing range is not only illegal, but hazardous due to gunfire. The combat arms ranges, buildings 604 and 605, are located on Perimeter Road by the nature trail. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Hammond at 452-6287.

Peter's closure

Peter's restaurant on Bitburg Annex is closed through Thursday. Normal hours resume June 15.

Increased patrols

The Luxembourg police recently increased radar checks on all Luxembourg roads, particularly on A-1 between Luxembourg city and Trier. The speed limit on all Luxembourg roads is 90 kph and on Luxembourg autobahns is 120 kph. People who get caught speeding who can't pay the fine immediately will have their vehicle taken as security.

Vehicle plates

The only authorized vehicle license plates are those issued by a U.S. Army Europe community field registry station (pass and registration at Spangdahlem Air Base). People with USAREUR motor vehicle registrations aren't authorized to replace the issued USAREUR plates

with customized plates made by a German local plate manufacturer.

Violators will receive a citation and have their plates confiscated. They also run the risk of having their registration cancelled. For more information, call DSN 386-7280.

AMC pet test

Air Mobility Command, in coordination with their commercial Patriot Express partners, holds a three-month test initiative to allow movement of pets with containers weighing up to 150 pounds on all AMC Patriot Express missions. The test is in effect now through the end of August. Those affected by this policy should call 452-6661.

Marquee letters

Public affairs asks units with letters for the marquee to return them to building 23 as soon as possible. Lately, a few messages couldn't be posted because of missing letters. For more information, call PA at 452-6012.

Mail hold

Postal regulations require parcels not claimed within 15 days to be returned to the sender. To prevent this from happening while on leave or TDY, postal customers should complete a PS Form 2258, "Temporary Mail Disposition Instruction," before departing the area.

By using the form, customers may

elect to have their mail held or forwarded. Also, filling out a PS Form 3801, "Standing Delivery Order," allows a friend temporary authorization to pick up mail.

Club cards

Members deployed more than 30 days to a base without a club, such as some bases in Southwest Asia, can take a copy of their orders to their assigned base club and have their dues suspended until they return. Call 452-6992 for more information.

Instructors wanted

The 52nd Communications Squadron seeks people with knowledge in Microsoft Office applications to instruct software training programs. Classes include software installation and configuration; beginner and intermediate Word, PowerPoint and Excel; beginner, intermediate and advanced Access; Hyper Text Markup Language; Web development; and FrontPage. For more information, call 452-5384.

Vehicle washing

The only authorized washing area on Bitburg is the car wash near the old main gate. German environmental regulations deem Bitburg a water protection zone; therefore, water pollutants and soaps are to be used only in designated areas. Call 452-6082 for more information.

Local weatherman named tops in Air Force

Combat weather team superintendent earns Chief William Gardner award

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Providing weather support for a base known for the worst flying weather in Europe can't be an easy task.

However, the Air Force said Master Sgt. David W. Lappie, 52nd Operations Support Squadron combat weather team superintendent, has a handle on doing just that when they named him the Outstanding Air Force Weather Senior Noncommissioned Officer of 2000.

In the past year, Lappie led the Spangdahlem Air Base weather flight in the transition from a base weather station to a combat weather team under the Air Force re-engineering concept. Before the re-organization, the weather station here was a 24-hour operation. Now, it is manned when aircraft from Spangdahlem AB, either permanently or temporarily assigned, are in the air.

Ironically, Lappie and his team of 11 forecasters and observers don't forecast for the airfield at Spangdahlem Air Base. That information comes from the weather hub at Sembach Air Base, Germany, which actually issues the forecast for all of Europe. What they do here, however, is on a much more customer-oriented level, according to the 17-year Air Force veteran.

"We figure out what weather pilots will have in their area of work and brief them of the conditions of that area, as well as briefing them on the conditions here for when they launch and come back."

Hoping to increase forecast accuracy, Lappie created a new flight metrics program, which outlines specific go or no-go mission weather parameters. He designed a verification matrix to validate mission execution forecasts accuracy. This matrix led to improved and tailored MEFs. The effort was lauded across U.S. Air Forces in Europe and is now used across the theater.

Maj. Alison Hamilton, 52nd OSS combat weather team commander, couldn't say enough about Lappie's accomplishments.

"Master Sergeant Lappie was handpicked to replace a more senior member as my combat weather team superintendent at the beginning of last year. He stepped into a very tough job with a positive 'can-do' attitude and worked overtime to get up to speed, learning how to run a high-ops tempo weather team," she said.

Lappie, who's been predicting weather in Europe for more than seven years, also displayed his management

talents during a deployment to Kuwait. In addition to helping direct and produce 633 accurate MEF briefings for more than 400 combat and 1,000 training sorties for Operation Southern Watch, he volunteered to be his deployed unit's first sergeant.

Again ready to sing his praises, Hamilton spoke of Lappie's leadership qualities, labeling him as a "great role model."

"Dave is a true team player in every spirit of the word. It's a joy to work side-by-side with a senior NCO who genuinely cares about his people, works extra hard to accomplish the mission and knows European weather like the back of his hand," Hamilton said.

"He personally accomplished a lot of great things in 2000, many of them at the pointy-end of the spear supporting Operation Southern Watch."

Lappie said the hardest part about his profession as a weather-guy is the job is a constant challenge because there is such a gray-area in forecasting.

"This isn't a clear-cut checklist profession. One plus one doesn't always equal two. You can do everything right

and still be wrong."

On the other hand, Lappie said his job is equally as satisfying as it sometimes is frustrating.

"It's rewarding because when you get a good forecast out, you know you've played a large part in the safety of the mission, he said. "When you tell someone that there's going to be hail coming at them and they get out of it, and don't get hurt, you're happy."

As someone who claims he's never won an award of this magnitude, Lappie said he's excited, but even though this was an award to an individual, the effort was from everyone in the weather station.

"I'm happy, not just for myself, but for the team. I'm glad someone notices the hard work we go through in this tough weather regime."

With what seems like constant bad weather in the Eifel region, one thing Lappie would like the Spangdahlem AB community to remember, however, is that he and his team are in sales, and not in the production business.

"Hey, we're just the messengers."

Airman 1st Class Michelle S. Roquid

Master Sgt. David Lappie, 52nd Operations Support Squadron combat weather team superintendent, evaluates rainshower activities on the FPQ-21 weather radar at Spangdahlem Air Base. Lappie was recently named the Outstanding Air Force Weather Senior Noncommissioned Officer for 2000.

Roche sworn in as 20th Air Force secretary

WASHINGTON — Dr. James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force June 1 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

David O. Cooke, director of administration and management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, administered the oath of office. Roche was nominated by the president May 7 and confirmed by the Senate May 24.

As secretary, Roche is responsible for the functioning and efficiency of the Air Force, the formulation of the service's policies and programs and the timely implementation of decisions and instructions of the president



Roche

and the secretary of defense.

"I am honored to be confirmed as the secretary of the Air Force, and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known — the United States Air Force," Roche said. "I appreciate the confidence and trust the president, the

secretary of defense and the

Senate have in me to lead this proud aerospace team. I consider it an esteemed privilege to have this opportunity to serve with the Air Force's outstanding men and women.

"Over the past decade, our nation has demanded increasingly more effort and

sacrifice from the Air Force team — our active duty airmen, civil servants, Guardsmen, Reservists and contractors — and that team has responded brilliantly. The American people have the highest confidence in our military forces and are justifiably proud of the Air Force's numerous achievements and bright future.

"We must now respond to this century's new and emerging national security environment by fostering even more constructive relationships among the services to more fully integrate for joint and combined operations."

Roche, a retired Navy captain, was a recipient of the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy's most improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.

"(I look) forward to piloting the journey

ahead for the Air Force," he said. "My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as its admired past.

"My pledge is that I will serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world, with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence."

"We welcome Secretary Roche and his family to the Air Force team," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

"The secretary has had a distinguished and successful military and civilian career. He brings a unique and valuable combination of military experience, executive management expertise and proven leadership that will be an asset to our Air Force and our nation. I look forward to serving with him." (Air Force Print News)

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52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

William T. Cooper, Frank H. Graham, Harold A. Harper, William E. Kelly, Denise A. Koontz, David M. Lennemann, Ricky W. Matthews, Robert L. Meadows and Medgar E. Rose

52nd Contracting Squadron

Larry D. Kagler and Steven G. Turner

52nd Comptroller Squadron

Dennis R. Chandler and Kelly P. Moore

52nd Component Repair Squadron

James E. Arp, Shannon J. Defeo, Edmundo L. Garcia, Dominic Perino Jr., Matthew K. Reeder, Brian F. Schmidt, Kenneth C. Stevens, Christopher Watson and Wyatt W. Wheelis

52nd Communications Squadron

David W. Glode, Milton M. Harper Jr., Daniel P. Hobbs, John R. Jones, Susan G. Lantz and Charles E. Wiggen

52nd Dental Squadron

Stevie C. Wilcox

52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Robert G. Block, Roy W. Cline II, Victoria Reg Jones, Michael M. Pimentel, Randall L. Rock and Andrew L. Thompson

52nd Fighter Wing

Jeffrey T. Barr, Darrell J. Brewer, Kimberly M. Ford, William V. Haught Jr., Dawn M. Keeler, Michael A. Kelly, David L. Richerson, Marcus F. Sharpley and Thomas A. Woodberry

52nd Logistics Group

Danna S. Amponin

52nd Medical Group

James E. Britt

52nd Medical Operations Squadron

Reginald E. Dollard and David P. Moore

52nd Mission Support Squadron

Robert O. David

52nd Munitions Support Squadron

Nedley B. Grey, Donald K. Koenig, Thaddeus U. Koslik, Matthew Preissler, Gerald L. Tolarchyk and L. Marcus Vigil

52nd Operations Group

Jonathan Broadway, Michael T. Brooks, Charles E. Evans II and Kevin E. Gaffner

52nd Operation Support Squadron

Dawn M. Austin, Neal M. Fisher, Michael J. Maytes, Patrick W. Moore, John A. Prudente, Michael D. Sampson and Scott D. Woodburn

52nd Security Forces Squadron

Robert E. Hammond, Warren A. Moore, Scott D. Powers and Evan Weiss

52nd Supply Squadron

Susan D. Chandler, Tracy O. Dumas, Harold A. Knapp Jr., Valerie M. Leeblock and Raymond L. Pruitt Jr.

52nd Services Squadron

Cheryl Djukanovich, Andre L. Tolliver and Timothy J. Ziegler

52nd Transportation Squadron

Bernard T. Crosby, Bruce A. Gegner, Dennis Gerstenkorn, James W. Goodlett, James R. Haney Jr. and James E. Roy

606th Air Control Squadron

Tamera K. Boster, Rafael A. Gomez, Richard O. Morrison, Brian P. Noecker, Rial G. Runquist, Stephen R. Sherriff, Patrick F. Wilson and Georgina R. Yates

752nd Munitions Support Squadron

Anthony Mastantuono, James A. Schmidt, Jeffrey Smithhart and Steven J. Trotter

81st Fighter Squadron

Ronald L. Branham, Galen S. Gill, Jeffrey Kraushaar, William A. Mead II, William L. Neff, Darin J. Sandin, Craig

P. Sweeney and Bradley Truesdell

852nd Munitions Support Squadron

Daniel P. Mailman, Bruce D. Parker and Jeffrey E. Staley

Allied Forces Central

Antony C. Ashby, Steven K. Jarzombek, Dennis A. Jones and Charles R. Merritt

NATO AWACS

Andrew L. Bigley, Caroline T. Dixon, Scott B. English, Charlie E. Hasty Jr., Alviz T. Lacanilao, David M. Meyer, Phillip B. Nelson, Shaun P. Reiley, Todd D. Riggs, Marines NM Shields, Thomas R. Stanko and Lyle A. Steinhardt

NATO Allied Forces Central

Steven Krebs and Brian D. Weihe

The following NCOs from Spangdahlem AB were selected for promotion to **technical sergeant**:

22nd Fighter Squadron

James G. Barnes, Christopher Clements, Douglas A. Eash, James W. Fritts, Mark J. Merdian, Douglas Reichert, Alfredo D.C. Reyes, Hubert A. Schmidt, Robert B. Swope and Arnold R. Taylor

23rd Fighter Squadron

Samuel W. Alley, Charles D. Bailey, James F. Barton II, Donald R. Benson Jr., Henton C. Brodie Jr., Kenneth R. Bryant, Erik C. Johansen Jr., Robert Littlejohn, Joseph H. Massey, Douglas Monaghan, James Murphy Jr. and Carolyn D. Murray

372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 922

Chad R. Infante

470th Air Base Squadron

Andre E. Alexander, Allen Green, Wayne E. Helmick Jr., John G. Muller, Nicole Nixon, Reymundo Rocha, Mark J. Snyder and Jill K. Swan

52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Karla Jeremiah-Griffith, Ted A. Kummert and Martin F. Reed

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Armando Aguilarleon, Timothy E. Bamburg, Stephen M. Cass, Steven E. Deiter, Nazario Fabela, Steven J. Goetsch, John M. Harris, Michael Lenfesty, Ronald S. Muriera, Jacob W. Peetz, Paul L. Perkins, Timothy Randolph, Brent S. Sheehan, Randy P. Stevens, Jason R. Theriault and Charles D. Weidner

52nd Contracting Squadron

Matthew D. Hughes, Jeffrey McRae and Frank Parker

52nd Comptroller Squadron

Celeste L. Jones and Patricia L. Parks

52nd Component Repair Squadron

Christopher Allen, Lee F. Berthiaume, Douglas R. Brown, Shane D. Carbaugh, Michael Denoncour, Lane D. Goodnough, Paul V. Hammock, Emile T. Marallo, Valerie A. Mathes, Daniel J. McGovern, Bryan T. Merafuentes, Max R. Rippel, David A. Rogala and Billy L. Sisk

52nd Communications Squadron

Berkley H. Asbury, Chekeeta D. Black, Jeffrey A. Casper, Jeffrey Daland, Charles C. Denman, Mark L. Dodson, Rodney D. Elliott, Harry E. Hamlett, Thomas F. Hook, Janice C. Howard, Douglas E. Jarman, Kevin D. Peters, Daniel N. Rutter and Christopher Willis

52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Robert A. Bills, Elizabeth Chaplin, Jonathan P. Crain, Eric A. Ellington, Leol Gonzalez, Darryl Hamilton, David A. Jamison, Jill M. Massey, David C. Nettles, David E. Small, Gary L. Strozier, Richard N. Vorbeck and Anthony Whisenand

52nd Fighter Wing

Shelly R. Barton, Sidney P. Guidry Jr., Jimmy L. Moore, Don E. Prioleau and Marilyn S. Propst

52nd Logistics Group

Timothy A. Ebert and Kevin Williams

52nd Logistics Support Squadron

Timothy L. Boney and Anthony R. Gilmore

52nd Medical Operations Squadron

John M. Canerot, Angela M. Gagliano, Kerry A. Pigeon and Sharon D. Bryant

52nd Medical Support Squadron

Oscar L. Butler Jr. and Monica E. Kosta

52nd Mission Support Squadron

Darren M. Phillips and Jeffrey M. Thomas

52nd Munitions Support Squadron

William Crawford, Joseph G. Dohmann, Kip G. Grulkowski, Joseph W. Hart, Philip F. Mitchell, Daniel D. Rice, Charles Roseberry, Richard Schriewer, James P. Torres, Jeffrey D. Vassar, Corey P. Walters, Arnold Washington, Woodrow Wilson Jr.

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Gregory H. Ireland and Jeanna M. Morgan

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Think **BIG** Local teacher encourages students through reading, writing own books

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Samantha-Jo Ebert breathes a sigh of relief as she reads the last sentence of "The Lonely Orphan Kia" and a packed classroom of eighth- and second-graders applaud.

"It's finally over and I did OK," she whispers as she returns to her seat.

Ebert is one of Juanita Anderson's 60 eighth-grade students to read an original story they authored especially geared toward second-graders.

Anderson, a Spangdahlem Middle School teacher, started the "Big Book" project five years ago as a way for students to develop their writing skills and encourage them to become authors.

"It's a fun project and my students really love it," she said. "Many of today's authors are young adults and I want to inspire students to write and to enjoy writing."

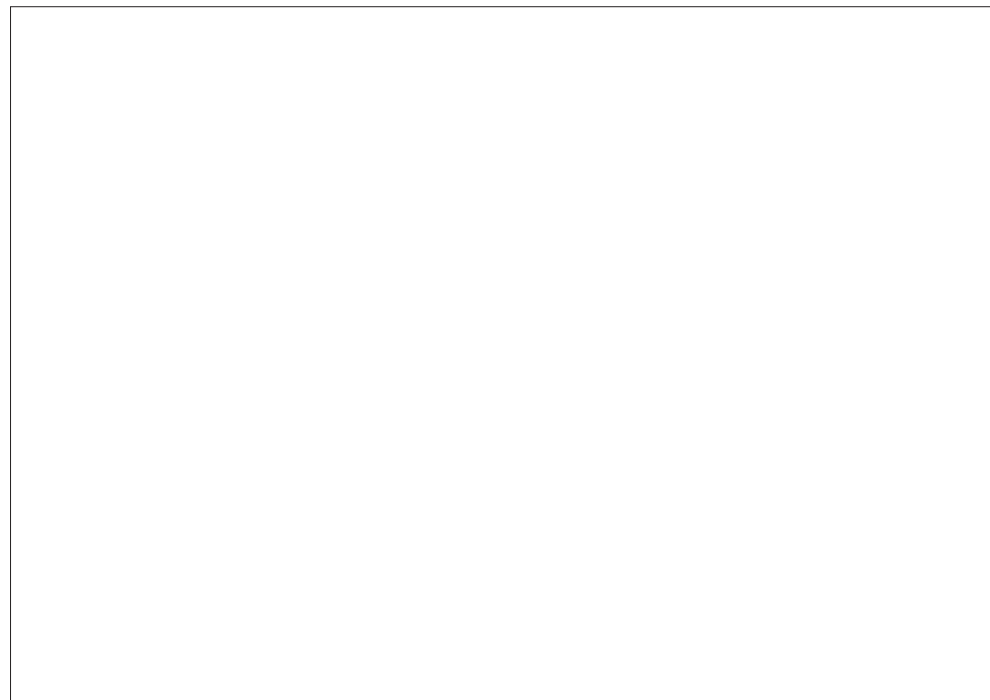
Anderson's students begin working on their stories in March. All the stories follow the same criteria - they must include a plot, setting, conflict and a strong ending.

"(The student's) biggest challenge is coming up with an original story," Anderson said.

Ebert's story is based on a friend who shared with her the story of when she lived in an orphanage. In "The Lonely Orphan Kia," the main character falls in love while living in the orphanage and eventually finds a home.

Although creating an original tale proved challenging, some of the students said presenting their work in public proved even tougher.

"It was nerve-racking reading to the second-graders, but it was fun," said eighth-grader Kristin Cihoski. "With so many



Samantha-Jo Ebert, Spangdahlem Middle School eighth-grader, reads the book she authored "The Lonely Orphan Kia" to Spangdahlem Elementary School second-graders. Morgan Griffith, SES second-grader, helps by holding the book up for all to see and turning the pages. Juanita Anderson, SMS teacher, started her program "Big Book" five years ago. "It's a fun project and my students really love it."

people watching, it would be embarrassing if I messed up."

Some of the students said the lessons they learned from working with an audience include the importance of preparation and practice, to be yourself and never give up —

continue reading through the end, even when mistakes are made.

Some students choose to keep their books, others present their books to Anderson for her to keep as a "thank-you" gift. Anderson plans to continue the

program for as long as it helps students develop their creative thinking, presentation and writing skills. "I'm proud of each one," Anderson said. "I have books from students who are now seniors in high school and freshmen in college."

Promotion

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Roberts, Audrey V. Ruiz, Plinio M. Ruiz, Jerry M. Shelton, Nanette L. Simmons, Marvin S. Strange, Craig R. Straw, Paul J. Svetlovics, Donald W. Swensen, Martin T. Temaast, Eric D. Thoresen, Michael D. Trim, Jeffrey J. Vinson, Scott G. Walters, Scott Whittenburg and Frederick J. Young

A complete list of selectees is available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page.

"This year's promotion announcement kicks off a great summer season for more than 19,000 of the Air Force's finest (noncommissioned officers)," Air Force Personnel Center officials said. "Never in our history has there been a better opportunity for highly qualified individuals to earn that next stripe."

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AFPC officials

"The increased promotion rates seen in the last few years are partly a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," officials said. "The primary reason for increased promotion rates is our transition to a higher percentage of 'Top Five' NCOs, previously at 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, now headed toward 56 percent during the next few years."

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in mid-June, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their peers. These score notices allow people to know how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing against for promotion within their

Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 348.20 points based on the following:

- 134.20 Enlisted Performance Reports;
- 71.72 Promotion Fitness Exam;
- 65.63 Specialty Knowledge Test;
- 27.91 time in grade;
- 35.58 time in service; and
- 11.68 decorations.

The average selectee has 3.49 years time in grade and 16.71 years in service.

The average selectee score for the technical sergeant test cycle was 331.99 points based on the following:

- 132.60 Enlisted Performance Reports;
- 62.99 Promotion Fitness Exam;
- 57.03 Specialty Knowledge Test;
- 41.25 time in grade;
- 29.45 time in service; and
- 7.29 decorations.

The average selectee has 5.83 years time in grade and 13.53 years in service.

Those selected for either master or technical sergeant will pin on from August to July 2002. (Air Force Print News)

Community Mailbox

PWOC prayer walk

The Protestant Women of the Chapel go on a prayer walk Saturday at the Himmerod Abbey. For directions, call Deana Talbert at 06561-948701 or meet at the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary parking lot at 10 a.m.

Fish fry

King Citadel Military Lodge and the Black Cultural Awareness Association hold an "Oldies Jam and Fish Fry" June 17 from 5-9 p.m. at the Saber Club. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

'Married for Life' dinner

The Eifel Christian Community Association sponsors a "Married For Life" fellowship dinner June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spang Club. For more information call Bob Lesane at 452-6331 or 06561-942981.

Jehovah's witnesses

The following events take place at Lerchenstrasse in Bitburg for Jehovah's witnesses:

■A public talk, "Ruining the Earth brings divine retribution" at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

■A discussion on "A great teacher shows us the creator more clearly" at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

■A theocratic school service meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday.

For more, call 06562-9319065.

Free concert

The acapella singing group "Best Friends" from Lubbock Christian University, Texas, holds a free concert June 27 at 7 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB theater.

Advisory committee meeting

The Eifel Parents Advisory Committee holds its quarterly meeting June 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the conference room in building 103 on Spangdahlem AB.

Substitute teachers

Spangdahlem Middle School is accepting applications for substitute teachers for next school year. Also, volunteers are needed in the main office. Call 452-7259 for more information.

SSEMC News

■Black forest trip, Saturday. Cost is \$25.

■Paris trip, Thursday. Cost is \$65.

Call Shawn Hamilton, event coordinator, at 06575-959135 for trip details or to register.

■The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club membership meeting takes place at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Spangdahlem Middle School. Call Sue Sweeney at 06565-942245 by Saturday for reservations.

Vacation Bible school

The Spangdahlem AB chapel seeks volunteers to help with vacation bible school 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 6-10. Also, children ages 4 years to sixth grade are invited to attend VBS, regardless of religious affiliation. Sign up with the Spangdahlem AB chapel during the week or at both locations on weekends. Call Fran Lange at 06575-959857, Donna Coker at 06561-948983 or the base chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

Summer day camp

The Cub Scouts local chapter seeks volunteers to help with summer day camp July 9-14. Specifically, the Scouts need nature, sports and outdoor directors, and den leaders. The camp is designed to encourage and teach boys to use leadership skills. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or John Kennedy at 06561-948843 for details or to sign up.

The Age of the Dinosaur Day Camp costs \$45 per Scout or \$52 for new Scouts. The week includes archery, nature skills, crafts, BB-gun marksmanship, digging for dinosaur bones and eggs, sports and games. Daily bus transportation is provided to and from the camp for Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex.

School registration

Parents of Spangdahlem Middle School students should register their children now for the next school year. Stop by the school 8 a.m.-noon or 1:30-3 p.m.

Library news

The summer reading program kicks off June 28 at the Spangdahlem AB library. Teens can earn Extreme Summer points by volunteering. Call 452-6203 or 452-9050.

Antique market

The Bitburg High School Sunshine Club antique and craft market takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria. Call 452-9202 or 452-9337 for details.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■Tap seminar, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through June 15.

■Home buying, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

■Air Force as a second language, 1-2 p.m. June 19.

■Traveling with children, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday.

■The FSC book club discusses "Gap Creek," by Robert Morgan, 6-8 p.m. June 19.

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem AB. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

■European jobseekers, noon to 1 p.m. June 25.

CDC summer camp

Eifel Child Development Centers sponsors a summer camp for children ages 3-5 Monday through July 27. Children must be 3 years old and be toilet trained. Call 452-6697 or 452-9212 for details.

Learning new skills

The 52nd Services Squadron skills development center offers the following classes in June in Bitburg Annex building 2002. Call 452-9316 for details or to register.

■Basket weaving, 5-9 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

■Four-week beginners quilting class, 6-8 p.m. each Monday June 25-July 16, \$25.

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Call 452-6841 for details or to register.

■Two-day auto mechanics class, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and June 27. Cost is \$20.

Education office news

■The Embry-Riddle University course statistics with aviation applications begins Tuesday. Also, a course on flight physiology begins Saturday. Call 452-7553 to register.

■Register now for Air War College non-resident studies. The college features special programs for active-duty, Guard, Reserve members.

■Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Oct. 31. Certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

■Active-duty members under the MGIB can enhance their benefits up to \$5,400 by contributing an additional \$600 in their present MGIB. The offer isn't available to members who converted from VEAP.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today
Driven (PG-13)

A young hot-shot driver is in the middle of a championship season and is coming apart at the seams. A former champion is called into give him guidance.

Saturday
Driven

Sunday
Get Over It (PG-13)

Berke thought his senior year was shaping up to be perfection. He was dating the perfect girl, Allison, and they seemed to be the perfect high-school couple. For the first time in Berkes' life everything seemed to be a perfect fit ... but boy, was he perfectly wrong about that. For Berke, it was like Romeo and Juliet; for Allison, it was like ... over.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday
Say It Isn't So (R)

Gilly is in love with Jo, finally finding the woman of his dreams. He is horrified to learn that Jo might actually be his long-lost sister. Run out of town for partaking in a perverse relationship, he still pines for Jo daily. Months later, when he learns that Jo is going to marry, he leaves Indiana to travel to Beaver, Ore., to stop the wedding.

Thursday
Hannibal (PG-13)

After having successfully eluded the authorities for years, Hannibal flees to his homeland in America to once again make contact with disgraced Agent Clarice Starling.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today
The Mummy Returns (PG-13)

Through a chain of events, the corpse of Imhotep has resurrected, and is determined to fulfill its quest for immortality. But another force has also been set loose in the world ... one born of the darkest rituals of ancient Egyptian mysticism, and even more powerful than Imhotep. When these two forces clash, the fate of the world will hang in the balance, sending the O'Connells on a desperate race to save the world from unspeakable evil, and rescue their son.

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Monday
Exit Wounds (R)
Orin is a tough cop in an inner-city precinct who discovers a web of dirty cops and corruption. That's his cue to kick butt and take names.

Tuesday
Just Visiting (R)
Count Thibault and his servant Andre are accidentally transported from the 12th century to modern-day Chicago as the result of a wizard's flawed potion. Confused, lost and overwhelmed, they unexpectedly meet Thibault's descendant, Julia, and soon become involved in her life.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Enjoy fun-filled day at nearby park

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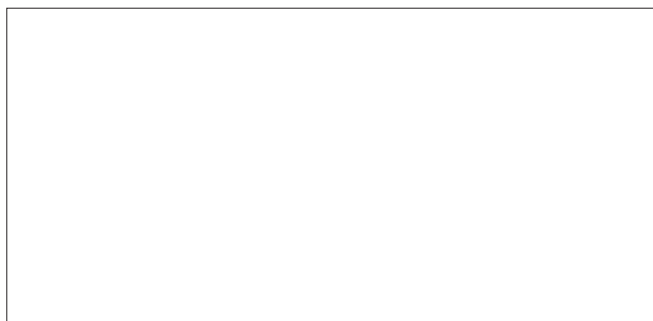
As the weather continues to get better in the Eifel area, people at Spangdahlem Air Base should consider taking a trip to the nearby Gondorf Animal and Fun Park, located between Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex.

Gondorf offers several walking trails where people can see and enjoy animals close up. Among the animals are deer, geese, bears and marmots — all kept in a natural surrounding.

Gondorf has several different rides and entertainment areas offering slides, sailboats, a water raft, a roller coaster, several carousels, small go-cart tracks and an outdoor theater with live shows. People can also enjoy a children's jumping castle, shooting stands, museums, falcon shows, puppet plays and more.

For those who would like to enjoy the park without having to walk the entire way, a train comes by every hour to pick up passengers. The train takes you around, finally stopping at the top of the hill near those attractions that are located the furthest away from the entrance. While riding the train, relax and listen to a recording of information about the park and the different animals.

Food and beverage stands are available at the park, offering German snacks, waffles and ice cream. For those wanting a full-size lunch, there's a German-style restaurant



Courtesy photo

People who visit Eifel Park in Gondorf can see various animals in their natural environment.

located right outside the park. Meals usually cost between 20-25 DM.

The 750,000 square-meter park is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Rides open at 10 a.m. Entrance is 21 DM for adults, while children ages 4-14, people over age 60 or handicapped people pay 18 DM. Price reductions are given to groups of 20 people and more.

Each Friday, except for German holidays, is Family Day. On these days, each adult, paying the full entrance price can bring in a child up to age 14 for free. Upon presenting a valid ID or passport, people will receive free entrance on their birthday.

Entrance prices include access to most

rides and attractions, however, it's advisable to bring extra money for food and beverages, as well as for souvenirs.

The summer season ends Oct. 15. While the animal side of the park remains open for the rest of the year, all rides shut down. Entrance prices drop to 6 DM for adults and 5 DM for children.

Keep in mind that Gondorf gets pretty crowded with Eifel tourists around July and August.

To get to Gondorf, travel toward Bitburg on B-50 until you see a huge sign on your left that reads "Eifel Park Gondorf." A parking lot is available near the entrance of the park. For more information, call park officials at 06565-2131 info@eifelpark.de.

Out and about

■ Attend the 'Happy Mosel' bicycling day Sunday. On a 140-kilometer stretch between Cochem and Trier no motorized vehicles are allowed, making room for bicyclers, roller-skaters and walkers. The event takes place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Plan to attend 'Hahn in Motion,' featuring a variety of first-class entertainment in the air and on the ground Aug. 18-19. Details about the event will be printed in a future edition of the Eifel Times.

■ Visit one of several flea markets Sunday outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall, in front of the Rewe shopping center, at the Idar-Oberstein festival grounds and at the Mayen fairgrounds.

■ Plan to see the world-famous star tenor singer Jose Carreras in concert June 29 at 9 p.m. at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This event with the title "Classic Open Air" will attract many visitors from Germany and the Benelux. Tickets can be reserved at 00352-507750 or at fax number 504916.

■ Make plans to attend the Rheinland-Pfalz Tag 2001 June 15-17 in Landau. It's the biggest folk festival of the state, offering German and American forces static displays, historical information booths, art and culture, a children's festival, open air concerts, a parade through the city and German food. For more information, call 06341-13183 or visit www.Rlp-tag.de.

■ Plan to attend Trier's annual Altstadtfest, or old city festival, June 22-24, offering music by numerous bands,

lots of food and entertainment everywhere in the city.

■ Trier's annual Old City festival takes place June 22-24 in the center of town with music, dances and lots of other entertainment.

■ Cochem castle, located within 15 minutes walking distance of the town of Cochem, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Entry is 7 DM for adults and 6 DM for children. In groups of 12 and more people pay 6 DM each.

■ Purchase tickets now for Trier's historical open-air plays of the city's annual Antiquity Festival June 27 through July 22.

■ Art enthusiasts can see paintings by numerous German artists in the Trier Simeonstift city museum, located near the Porta Nigra. The show is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Subjects relate to the 1930s. Visit the museum's Web site at www.museum-trier.de for details.

■ People interested in joining a Linux users group based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, should contact Chris Bragg at chris@gklug.org or visit the group's Web site at http://gklug.org.

■ A limited number of tickets are available for the Glenn Miller Orchestra playing at 9 p.m. Sunday in the Luxembourg Wiltz Open-Air Theater. Musical highlights include song titles, "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Rhapsody in Blue" and more. Call 0651-41253 or 0651-9941188 for tickets.

■ People interested in playing paintball games each Saturday should contact Morgan Bowker at

morgan@topsurf.com or call 06568-93063.

■ Pick up a volksmarching schedule at the fitness center or visit the Eifel Wanderers Web site at www.welcome.to/eifelwanderers for more information.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in June. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 452-9120 for details.

■ Paris express, Saturday. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for ages 4-17.

■ Amsterdam express, Saturday. Cost is \$70 for adults, \$65 for ages 3-12.

■ Black Forest express, Saturday. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for ages 3-12.

■ Rhein River cruise, Sunday. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$29 for ages 4-13.

■ London express, June 15-16. Cost is \$99 for adults, \$89 for ages 3-12.

■ Cochem medieval dinner, June 16. Cost is \$65 per person.

■ Castle Drachenfels, Birkenstock factory and dinner at the Outback Steak House, June 16. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$25 for ages 4-17.

■ Mosel River cruise, dinner and wine tasting, June 16. Cost is \$48 per person.

■ Cologne zoo and aquarium, June 17. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for ages 4-17.

■ Paris Air Show express, June 23. Cost is \$65 per person.

■ Paris Air Show and overnight stay,

June 23-24. Cost is \$195 for adults and \$135 for ages 3-12.

■ Belgian grottos and safari park, June 23. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children.

■ Phantasiland theme park, June 24. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$15 for ages 3 and under.

■ Zell wine festival, June 30. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 3-12.

■ Six Flags over Holland, June 30. Cost is \$59 for adults, \$49 for children 39- to 55-inches tall.

The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in June. Call 452-7176 for details.

■ Through October, outdoor recreation offers family trips the second weekend of each month.

The first trip is to Europa Park Fantasy Land, Germany, Saturday-Sunday. Double-occupancy room cost is \$125 for adults, \$110 for children ages 4-11. Quadruple-occupancy room cost is \$110 for adults and \$90 for children. Price includes round-trip transportation, lodging, breakfast and two-day park entrance fees.

■ Saar River bike ride, June 23. Cost is \$25 with bike rental, \$20 with own bike. Minimum age is 12.

■ Canoe or sea kayak on the Mosel River, June 24. Cost is \$25. Minimum age is 10.

■ Rock climbing in Berdorf, Luxembourg, June 30. Cost is \$40. Minimum age is 14.